

CUSTODY EVALUATIONS: **ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR FAMILY LAWYERS**

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- I. Chris Wehl, Ph.D.
 - a. Guidelines governing ethics in custody evaluations:
 - i. APA forensic guidelines
 - ii. APA ethical guidelines
 - iii. APA custody evaluator guidelines
 - iv. AFCC guidelines
 - b. Custody evaluation reports and HIPPA considerations
 - c. Ethical considerations related to relocation/multi-state custody evaluations.
 - d. Social/personal relationships between lawyers and evaluators
 - i. Utah Court of Appeals decision, Mower v. Baird, 2018 UT 29

- II. Cassie Medura – Case Study
 - a. Custody evaluators in dual roles
 - i. Affiliation with others involved in litigation
 - ii. Alignment with counsel
 - Submitting court documents
 - Interim Recommendations